



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02356.0011-06000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Marc ALIZON et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No. 09/041,975 ) Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin  
Filing Date: March 13, 1998 ) Confirmation No: 4167  
For: VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office action of October 21, 2005. A fee of \$450.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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